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SUBJECT: DAMAGE AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN AMAZON REGION

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1. RECENT TORRENTIAL RAINS IN ECUADOR'S AMAZON REGION HAVE RESULTED IN EXTENSIVE FLOODING, SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND LOSS OF LIFE.

2. DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOODING IS EXTENSIVE, ESPECIALLY TO THE PETROLEUM PIPELINE, COMMUNICATIONS, MAJOR BRIDGES, ROADS, INCLUDING THOSE LEADING IN AND OUT OF THE OILFIELDS, AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, BUT FIGURES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE DUE TO CONDITIONS IN THE AREA WHICH HAMPER EFFECTIVE INSPECTION AND COMMUNICATION. SEVERAL COMMUNITIES ARE STILL ISOLATED AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME LOSS OF LIFE. PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ HAS INSTRUCTED THE NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICE TO COORDINATE RELIEF EFFORTS. BASED ON THIS OFFICE'S INITIAL SURVEY, THE REGION MAY BE DECLARED A DISASTER AREA.

3. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE FLOWN OVER THE AREA TO INSPECT THE DAMAGE AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS PROVIDING AIR TRANSPORTATION TO EVACUATE VICTIMS AND BRING IN RELIEF SUPPLIES.

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PORTATION TO EVACUATE VICTIMS AND BRING IN RELIEF SUPPLIES.

THE ECUADOREAN RED CROSS IS ALSO PROVIDING RELIEF TO THE VICTIMS. THE ARMY ENGINEERING CORPS IS UNDERTAKING THE REPAIR OF ROADS, ESPECIALLY IN THE PAPALLACTA-BAEZA SECTOR WHICH IS THE ONE MOST AFFECTED, AS WELL AS WORKING WITH THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE PETROLEUM COMPANIES IN ORDER TO RESUME OPERATION OF THE PIPELINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. REPORTS ON DAMAGE TO THE PIPELINE ARE STILL INCOMPLETE BUT A TEMPORARY BY-PASS SYSTEM IS BEING INSTALLED. THE SUSPENSION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTS IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN A LOSS OF INCOME OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.7 MILLION A DAY TO THE GOE.

5. OFFICIAL FIGURES NOTE AT LEAST FIVE DEATHS WITH POSSIBLY MORE VICTIMS TO BE FOUND AS RELIEF EFFORTS CONTINUE.
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